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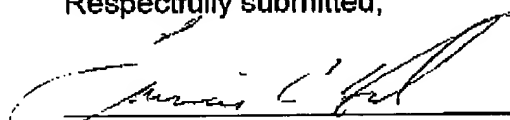
as at least one element from the group comprising alloys and metallurgical additives, and said conduit comprising at least one element selected from the group comprising said valved passage and said melt channels.

Remarks

Claims 45 to 90 are in this application.

Pursuant to the Requirement for Restriction, applicant elects the claims of Group II, that is claims 76 to 90.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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